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Dear Examiner Dang:

In response to the non-final office action mailed September 1, 2004, we enclose the following:

- 1) Amendment Transmittal with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated March 7, 2005 (2 pages); and
- 2) Amendment A with Certificate of Facsimile Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8(a) dated March 7, 2005 (12 pages); and
- 3) Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$100.00 (1 page).

Very respectfully,

Ronald E. Smith
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/605,609
Applicant: : Andrew M. Hoff
Filed: : 10/13/2003
Art Unit : 2818
Examiner : Phuc T. Dang

Confirmation No.: 2608

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Docket No. : 1372.80.PRC
Customer No. : 21,901
For : Method of Forming Thin Silicon Oxide Films on Silicon Carbide Substrates

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is an independent inventor. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Amendment A, including Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Specification, Amendments to the Claims and Remarks, is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 2818, Attn: Phuc T. Dang, (703) 872-9318, on March 7, 2005.

Dated: March 7, 2005


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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Total	16	Minus	20	= 0	x \$25 =	\$0
Indep.	4	Minus	3	= 1	x \$100 =	\$100
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$180 =	\$0
Total					Addit. Fee	\$100

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An additional fee for claims is required. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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AMENDMENT A

Introductory Comments

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed December 7, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 7, 2005, the above-identified patent application is amended a first time as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.